the Ex-Diwan Mr. Narayana Menon directing that appointments in Government service should be given to Cochinites and state (a) if this has been cancelled subsequently;

(b) the number of non-Cochinites entertained in Government service since the date of the Proceedings, giving reason for so doing in each case and the qualifications of those who are so appointed;

(c) whether the Government advertised for Cochinites before appointing non-Cochinites, at least in the Gazette; if not, the reason for not doing so;

(d) whether any explanation has been taken from the officials who made such appointments; and if so, whether it will be placed on the table;

(e) the number of non-Cochinites at present in the Government service drawing a salary of Rs. 30 and above per mensem?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—A copy of the Proceedings is laid on the table. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

(a) No.

(b) 32. The reasons generally were either the persons appointed had acted before the date of the Proceedings or there were in some cases no suitable Cochinites.

(c) No, there was no necessity for it.

(d) No explanation was taken.

(e) 131, so far as could be ascertained from the information available.

Percentage of literacy among the Kammalans in the State.

166. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(1) what is the total population of Kammalans (Thattan, Karuvan, Moosari, Asari and such others) in the State, the percentage of literacy among them;

(2) how many of them are in Government service drawing Rs. 25 and above; and

(3) how many of them have the property qualification to vote in the Legislative Council election?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(1) The Member is referred to the Cochin Census Report, 1921.

(2) 14.

(3) No information is available, as caste or creed is not taken into consideration in the preparation of the Electoral Rolls except in the case of Special communities.

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